

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

James F. Bennett Environmental Assessment Branch Minerals Management Service 381 Elden Street Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, has reviewed the Minerals Management Service's Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Alternative Energy Development and Production and Alternative Use of Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf (CEQ # 20070477).

EPA has no objection to the proposed action of implementing an alternative energy and alternate use program and associated regulations. Based on our review, we believe our previous concerns have been addressed.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this final EIS and we look forward to working with you as you implement this new program.

Sincerely,

Anne Norton Miller

Director

Office of Federal Activities